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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ARTICLE CLAIMS US HAS BASE IN OGADEN

REF: (A) PARIS 4331

1) THIS ARTICLE PROBABLY REFERS TO PLANNED INSTALLATION IN DIRE DAWA AND GOBA OF TWO TPS 43 D RADARS PURCHASED BY ETHIOPIA UNDER FMS, FIRST OF WHICH SCHEDULED TO BE DELIVERED IN EARLY MARCH THIS YEAR AND SECOND IN 1977. WESTINGHOUSE WILL HAVE APPROXIMATELY 6 TO 8 TECHNICIANS AT EACH SITE IN THE EARLY STAGES FOR INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND TRAINING. UNLESS APPROPRIATE CIVILIAN CONTRACT EMPLOYEES ARE FOUND, SEVERAL USAF TECHNICIANS MAY ALSO EVENTUALLY BE SENT TO THE SITES, ON A TEMPORARY BASIS.

2) WESTINGHOUSE TEAM RECENTLY WENT OUT TO ETHIOPIA TO SURVEY SITES AND HAD "DISCUSSIONS WITH AID TO WESTINGHOUSE CONCERNING-SUPPORT SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED WESTINGHOUSE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO SITES. THIS COULD WELL HAVE BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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ORIGIN OF STORY IN AFRIQUE-ASIE.

3) ADDIS ABABA MAY WISH TO COMMENT FURTHER. WE LEAVE IT UP
TO PARIS AND ADDIS TO DECIDE WHETHER ARTICLE IS WORTH A
DENIAL. INGERSOLL

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